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SUBJ: YEMENI PRINCE TO RESIDE IN JORDAN

REF: AMMAN 2389, JIDDA 1880

1. WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION HERE ON SAUDI SUPPORT FOR YEMENI PRINCES. DCM, DURING PREVIOUS JIDDA ASSIGNMENT, WAS TOLD BOTH BY FRIENDS IN YAR EMBASSY AND BY SOUTH ARABIAN EXILE THAT SAG WAS PROVIDING MODEST SUBSIDIES TO SOME HAMID AL- DIN PRINCES FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES. SAG WAS DOING THIS TO AVOID SPECTACLE OF " EX- ROYALTY" LIVING IN PENURY. SUM WAS LARGE ENOUGH TO ALLOW A FEW RETAINERS, BUT NOT TO BE USED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES. BELIEVE THIS SIMILAR TO SAG TREATMENT OF SOUTH ARABIAN EX- SULTANS.

2. KEY PRINCES WOULD BE HASANIS (SONS OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER HASAN BIN YAHYA) AND HUSAINIS, SONS OF HASAN' S LATE BROTHER HUSAIN. MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE FIGURE WOULD BE FORMER ROYALIST COMMANDER MUHAMMAD BIN HUSAIN.
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